

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A [swimming flipper] fin for self-propulsion in a fluid, the fin comprising a blade [made] constructed of a relatively rigid material, a shoe made of a relatively yielding material, and [at least a pair] a plurality of generally lateral ribs extending along [the] edge[s] portions of the blade, [on] the blade [there being provided at least two] having a plurality of longitudinal slots arranged symmetrically with respect to the longitudinal axis of the [flipper] fin and [two] a plurality of openings, extending diagonally from the shoe toward[s the] lateral edges of the blade, [said] the slots and [said] the openings being filled with a relatively yielding material in the form of flattened ribs.

Claim 2 (currently amended) [A swimming flipper in accordance with] The fin set forth in claim 1, wherein [said] the lateral ribs are at least partially lined with the relatively yielding material[, in particular the same material as is used for] of the shoe.

Claim 3 (currently amended) [A swimming flipper in accordance with] The fin set forth in claim 2, wherein [said] the lateral ribs are [made] constructed of a material having a rigidity intermediate between [those] that of the blade and the shoe.

Claim 4 (currently amended) [A swimming flipper in accordance with] The fin set forth in claim 3, wherein [said] the lining of the lateral ribs [becomes enlarged rearwards] enlarges rearwardly along [the] flank[s] portions of the shoe so as to form respective sideway projecting fairings [projecting sideways].

Claim 5 (currently amended) [A swimming flipper in accordance with] The fin set forth in claim 1, wherein [said] the blade extends [rewards] rearwardly by two arms forming containment flanks for the shoe and terminating with a hood to form a seating in which a respective buckle of the closure strap can [become engaged] engage.

Claim 6 (currently amended) [A swimming flipper in accordance with] The fin set forth in claim 5, wherein the lining of [said] the ribs forming [said] the lateral fairings has a thickness of not less than the thickness of the buckles applied to the ends of [said] the arms.

Claim 7 (currently amended) [A swimming flipper in accordance with] The fin set forth in claim 5, wherein the thickness of [said] the flattened ribs is greater than the thickness of [said] the blade.

Claim 8 (currently amended) [A swimming flipper in accordance with] The fin set forth in claim 1, wherein [the] a free edge of [said] the blade is lined with a curb that closes [said] the slots and becomes joined to the lining of [said] the lateral ribs.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A [swimming flipper] fin for self-propulsion in a fluid, the fin comprising a blade [made] constructed of a relatively rigid material, a shoe made of a relatively yielding material, and [at least one pair] a plurality of generally lateral ribs extending along [the] lateral edge[s] portions of the blade, [on said] the lateral ribs [there] having a lining extending [a] therefrom, the lining being [made] constructed of a yielding material that [becomes enlarged] enlarges at [the] flank[s] portions of the shoe, [thus generating] such that a sideways projecting fairing [that projects sideways] is generated, [said] the blade comprising [two] a plurality of arms that extend [backwards from it] backwardly therefrom to form containment flanks for the shoe and terminate with respective seatings for buckles of the closure strap, [said] the fairings projecting sideways [for] to a thickness of not less than [the thickness] that of the respective buckle.

Claim 10 (currently amended) [A swimming flipper in accordance with] The fin set forth in claim [1 or] 9, wherein [said] the buckle comprises a connection head that extends from its inner face, [said] the seating for the buckle comprising a hood